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PASS TO ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWARD LEVI AND COUNSEL
TO PRESIDENT PHILIP BUCHEN FROM GOVERNOR SCRANTON.

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SUBJECT: SOVEMBASSY NOTE ABOUT PLANNED DEMONSTRATION IN NEW YORK

REQUEST STATE 103934 BE PASSED AS FOLLOWS WITH
CAPTION AND MESSAGE INDICATED BELOW:

BELIEVE FOLLOWING SECSTATE MESSAGE WILL BE OF
INTEREST TO YOU.

QUOTE SECSTATE 103934:

1. DURING APRIL 29 CALL ON EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
ARMITAGE, SOVIET EMBASSY MINISTER COUNSELOR VASEV PRESENTED
NOTE CALLING ON DEPARTMENT TO ASSURE PROTECTION FOR SOVIET
ESTABLISHMENTS AND PERSONNEL IN NEW YORK DURING PLANNED
MAY 2 "ANTI-SOVIET DEMONSTRATION" (I.E., SOLIDARITY DAY
RALLY). ARMITAGE REPLIED THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD BE IN
TOUCH WITH POLICE AUTHORITIES AND WOULD TAKE ALL APPRO-
PRIATE MEASURES TO ASSURE PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF
RELEVANT LAWS.

2. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

3. QUOTE THE EMBASSY OF THE USSR CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY
TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THE
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FOLLOWING.

4. RECENTLY ZIONIST ELEMENTS IN NEW YORK HAVE BEGUN TO PREPARE THEIR NEXT ANTI-SOVIET DEMONSTRATION ON MAY 2. WITH THIS GOAL IN MIND, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY, THEY ARE CONDUCTING, INTER ALIA THROUGH THE PRESS, A CAMPAIGN AMONG THE POPULATION OF THE CITY.

5. IT IS ALSO KNOWN THAT THE ORGANIZERS OF THIS DEMONSTRATION INTEND TO DIRECT THE CROWD TO THE BUILDING OF THE SOVIET MISSION TO THE UN, THUS THREATENING THE SAFETY OF SOVIET CITIZENS WORKING AND LIVING THERE, SINCE THE HABITS OF ZIONIST ELEMENTS ARE WELL KNOWN. THEY HAVE RECENTLY RESORTED TO TERRORIST ACTS SUCH AS SHOOTING AT, AND SETTING OF EXPLOSIONS NEAR, BUILDINGS, ETC. THERE IS THE APPREHENSION THAT THIS DEMONSTRATION COULD GET OUT OF CONTROL OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND POLICE, AND TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES WOULD RESULT.

6. CONSIDERING THE ABOVE, THE EMBASSY, DRAWING THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO THE ANTI-SOVIET ACTION BEING PLANNED BY ZIONIST ELEMENTS IN NEW YORK, INSISTS THAT THE COMPETENT AMERICAN AUTHORITIES PUT INTO EFFECT MEASURES TO GUARANTEE THE COMPLETE SAFETY OF SOVIET PERSONNEL AND ESTABLISHMENTS, AND IN PARTICULAR THE BANNING OF ANY HOSTILE DEMONSTRATION IN THE DIRECT VICINITY OF THE BUILDING OF THE SOVIET MISSION TO THE UN AND OF OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS WHERE SOVIET CITIZENS WORK AND RESIDE. ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR NOT PUTTING INTO EFFECT THE NECESSARY MEASURES AND THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS WILL BE BORNE BY THE AMERICAN SIDE.
END QUOTE

7. DEPARTMENT WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE FROM USUN A BRIEF SUMMARY OF PLANNED PROTECTION FOR SOVIET ESTABLISHMENTS DURING SOLIDARITY DAY RALLY. SISCO UNQTE
SCRANTON

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